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JL- he didn't ~~xxx~~ even phone to say  
he was not coming

Dear Jim,

As you had said Jeff also said night before last, that you would phone early yesterday morning before coming up. I don't know what you mean by "early" but when I had to take Lil to the doctor we delayed this until the last minutes. It was ~~11/7~~ 9:20 when we left. We came right home and there was not a time until we went out for supper when I had to go to the post office when one of us was not in the house.

I will be taking in the hearings that begin today. I have to leave for four days on the 27th. I have to be in court on the 21st. I also have a medical appointment before then. So I think, because the hearings put us both far behind in other work, that if you still want to come up it would be better to postpone that until after the hearings are over. Otherwise neither of us can offer to take the time. I made no other plans for my own work for yesterday so I could spend with you any time you might have desired. When I did not hear from you I spent the time in odds and ends of ways.

Jeff very kindly offered Bob Katz's service for when I am in the Boston area. This can be very helpful to me. I know that a four-day trip will tire me now and I have no idea where I'm going, never having been there before or how to get there. I'll not be able to afford a cab for the trip from the airport so getting to and from a bus and travelling on it will be tiring. So I'd like to know how to get in touch with Bob to see if he is willing and to be sure it won't inconvenience him. Otherwise I'll have to make other arrangements.

For when one of you is in touch with him I'll be getting my ticket on the 21st. I've written my travel agent to see about a mid-morning or lunch flight to Boston because I have to work with a bad bus schedule from Frederick. I should be in Boston by lunchtime or not long thereafter. I speak at Bridgewater State College, which I understand is something like 30 miles from Boston. If Bob wants to talk about anything that will require more time than the trip from the airport I'll have the time because I do not speak until the following morning, then that night again. I plan to take work with me to fill in the free time so we can talk. I speak in Baltimore the 29th, will stay there that night and will be in D.C. early the next morning for the John Ray hearing. Jerry also has been subpoenaed, for that day. If they have subpoenaed the sister I've not heard of it.

The committee's design is fairly obvious. They have statements from others they know the Rays will contradict so, having and expecting no other real accomplishment the committee is building up to perjury charges against the Ray brothers over such things as bank robberies. They have been using former FBI informers. I understand one is named Turley. I do not think the Ray brothers will be lying unless Jerry does about the map.

Sincerely,